

Circular Letter No. 50 / 2014

My No. PGIM/EX/2/MD/SE/RD (14)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Dental Sciences/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura,
Director, Dental Institute, Colombo,

**SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES OF
MD IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY**

1. The above examination will commence on **11th September, 2014.**
2. Applications are invited by me from dental officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) a dental degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
 - (b) minimum period of twelve months experience either in the state hospital, university or private sector after passing the final examination for Bachelor in Dental Surgery. **A copy of the certificate should be attached with the application.**
 - (c) the requirement stated in (b) above must be fulfilled on or before the closing date of applications ie. before **1st August, 2014.**
 - (d) the criteria prescribed in paragraphs (b) and (c) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications, provided that where a short-fall has occurred due to any reasons including sick, maternity or other leave, the doctor concerned should complete such shortfall in order to become eligible to apply for the Selection Examination.
3. The applicants to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme should pass the selection examination. The current format of the selection examination for the perusal of applicants is described in the prospectus and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The examination consist of four (4) components MCQ Paper (Single Best/Single Correct), Theory Paper I, Theory Paper II and Structured Oral Assessment (SOA). The MCQ Paper has (90 Questions, 3 hours duration /150 Marks) and it will be held on **11th September, 2014.** Candidates should first qualify the MCQ paper **by obtaining 50% or more** in order to proceed for rest of the examination which will be held on **15th October, 2014.**
5. After passing the MCQ paper, a candidate has to sit for
 - a) Theory Paper 1 – Part A - General and Applied Anatomy,
Part B - Oral and Dental Anatomy
 - b) Theory Paper II – Part A - Applied Physiology, Oral Physiology and Biochemistry
Part B – Pathology including Microbiology
 - c) Structured Oral Assessment (SOA)

6. **Candidates should obtain a minimum of 50% of the Total aggregate and a minimum of 50% each of the four components. i.e. MCQ / Theory Paper I / Theory Paper II and Structured Oral Assessment to pass the Selection Examination. and to be admitted to the MD training programme.**

7. Only a **maximum of 06** from the **Ministry of Health** who pass the selection examination and who are **above the “cut-off line” in the merit list** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.

8. Only a **maximum of 01** from the **non-state sector** who pass the selection examination and who are above the **“cut- off line” in the merit list** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.

9. Only a **maximum of 01** from the **State Universities** who pass the selection examination and who are above the **“cut- off line” in the merit list** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.

10. Only a **maximum of 01** from the **Armed Forces(including police)** who pass the selection examination and who are above the **“cut- off line” in the merit list** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit. The details are available at the examination branch office of the PGIM.

11. **However if extra candidate/s than the allocated number/s is/are available above the “cut off line” from the Non State Sector, Universities or Armed Forces all such candidate/s shall be enrolled though this may exceed the allocated number as per section 8,9 and 10 above. The details are available at the examination branch of the PGIM.**

12. **If the allocated number from other three sectors as per section 8,9,10 above are not enrolled due to non availability of qualified candidates the allocated number for the state sector shall be increased accordingly and candidates below the “cut off line” shall be enrolled based on merit to the vacant positions.** The details are available at the examination branch of the PGIM.

13. **In the event of extra number of candidates exceeding the allocated number from the other three sectors are selected as per section 11 above, a similar extra number from the State Sector below the “cut off line” based on merit shall be enrolled.** The details are available at the examination branch of the PGIM.

14. Following the examination and release of results the above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained.

15. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

16. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “Guidelines for enrolment of non-state sector trainees in to PGIM training programmes-2011” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.

17. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another eligible candidate will be selected. And the candidate, who refused, will not be permitted to register in the programme in a subsequent year with the same results unless a valid medical certificate from a consultant acceptable to the PGIM is submitted.

18. For all fulltime training programmes fulltime release from Ministry of Health is a prerequisite for enrollment. When relevant it may be necessary to sign a bond before such enrollment if such a requirement has been decided by the Ministry of Health or University.

19. The relevant information of the training programme, MD Examination, requirements for Board Certification are described in the Prospectus and other relevant documents. However if amendments have been made following printing of the Prospectus, the circulars with such amendments may be collected from the examination branch office of the PGIM. These circulars will also be handed over to the selected candidates at the commencement of the training programme.

20. The candidates who shall commence the pre MD (Registrar) or Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

21. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly

22. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for Board Certification with the relevant documents within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.

23. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are as follows:

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| (a) Registration fee | - Rs. 4,000.00 (non refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - Rs. 25,000.00 |

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on fees stated above.)

Candidates are required to pay Rs. 4,000/= the registration and Rs. 15,500/= as the examination fee for the MCQ paper in the first instance. Those who qualify the MCQ paper will have to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 9,500/= in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.

24. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1000/- or can be downloaded from our website www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim. Requests for application and other details by post should accompany a SASE 9" x 4" in size and a money order for Rs. 1000/- drawn in favour of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and payable at the Cinnamon Gardens Post Office, Colombo 7. The envelope should be marked at the top left hand corner with the desired training programme opted to follow by the candidate "**Application for Selection Examination for: MD in Restorative Dentistry**".

25. Completed applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Senior Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **01st August, 2014. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

26. The selected candidates should report to the training unit allocated to him/her within one month on receipt of the letter of selection to the training programme and allocation to the training unit.

27. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

28. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim

29. The unofficial results of the examination will be only released following approval by the Board of Management. However for the results to be valid and official the **Senate of the University should approve the results.**

30. The candidates will be issued an **“Examination Feedback Form”** with the admission documents. It should be sent to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination.** If the form is not received it will be confirmed that you do not have any concerns regarding the examination and it had been conducted according to the Prospectus/rules/regulations of the PGIM. **No complaints or concerns regarding the examination will be entertained after 48 hours or following release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.**

31. The candidates who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD programme should undergo a training module on Professionalism organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is a compulsory module for all MD trainees. A certificate will be issued to trainees who follow this module.

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